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KDOL Employee Awards Presented

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) named three employees in its latest Employee Recognition and Award Program honors.

The Employee of the Quarter is **Kaneetha Crisler**, Operational Performance Management. She was recognized for saving the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund tens of thousands of dollars by identifying and stopping fraudulent claims, and for establishing a system to identify fraudulent claims. Her nominators also said Kaneetha is a “never-ending wealth of information, which she graciously shares.”

Jeana Payne, administrative assistant in Industrial Safety and Health, was awarded for Meritorious Service. Jeana was nominated by her director, who described Jeana as “one of the most innovative, dedicated employees I’ve ever had the pleasure of knowing.” Jeana is always looking for ways to streamline the processes needed to maintain production for the Division’s staff. Every time she is given a project to do she comes up with ideas to improve it and, when she brings the completed task back, it is more than the supervisor imagined, the nominator noted.

Stephanie Spivey, research analyst in Labor Market Information Services, received the Distinguished Accomplishment Award. Stephanie was nominated by three individuals, who said: Stephanie has put a great deal of emphasis on improving federal Data Validations. In February of this year, KDOL had its first audit of Data Validation by regionally-placed federal staff with no deficiencies discovered. To the investigators knowledge this was the very first time this has happened in any state. Stephanie was also lauded for being a team player who is easy to work with and maintains a good sense of humor.

The awards program is designed to recognize individual’s efforts that epitomize excellence. The success as an agency depends on each and every employee providing premier service, working in a team environment, producing results with cost control in mind, creativity and innovation. KDOL rewards employees who embrace these ideals as their own, taking them to the highest personal level possible in job performance.

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